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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This responds to the non-final Office action mailed April 11, 2008. This response is timely filed on Tuesday October 14, 2008 as October 11, 2008 falls on a Saturday, and the subsequent Monday was a federal holiday (Columbus Day). A request for a three-month extension is being filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the merits of the application and allowance of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.